

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, as the first inhabitants of our state and nation, Native Americans helped teach the colonials how to survive in their new home and served as guides for explorers, helping to map the Americas; and

WHEREAS, many Native Americans joined forces with the colonists in the fight for freedom and independence from the British; and

WHEREAS, more Native Americans serve in the armed services, per capita, than any other ethnic group, fighting and dying in every major conflict in which the United States has been engaged; and

WHEREAS, at this year's State House Pauwau, there will be Native American dancing, drumming, demonstrations, hoop dance, smoke dancing, arts and crafts, foods, story-telling, and children's dances and games.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 20, 2007, as

NATIVE AMERICAN DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to reflect on and celebrate the contributions made by Native American residents of the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA